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Hello Shane,

Thank you for accommodating the additional time to allow us to complete the consolidation of our comments on the admin FEIS for Pebble Mine. Attached are EPA's comments on that we believe would be beneficial to address in the Final EIS to improve the overall quality and defensibility of the Final EIS. To assist the Corps in prioritizing work, we have highlighted those comments that EPA considers would provide the greatest improvement in each of the resource areas.

Please note that comments on fish, wetlands and mitigation sections are largely related to analysis that supports the CWA 404(b)(1) evaluation. We recommend that integrating this information into the Final EIS will help provide for a more complete and transparent document and support the general principles of EO 13807 for coordinated, consistent, predictable and timely environmental reviews that are recommended for any EIS.

These interagency comments or portions thereof may be protected by the deliberative process privilege.

Regards,
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